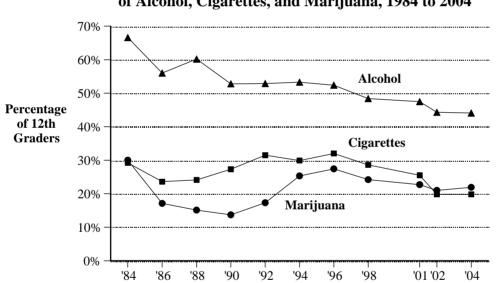
## Maryland High School Students' Use of Alcohol, Cigarettes, and Marijuana Has Declined During the Past Two Decades

The use of the three substances most popular among Maryland 12<sup>th</sup> graders—alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana—has declined since 1984, according to data from the recently released *2004 Maryland Adolescent Survey*. Two-thirds (66%) of high school seniors reported current\* use of alcohol in 1984, compared to 44% in 2004. Cigarette and marijuana use have also decreased during the past two decades, from around 30% in 1984 to 20% and 22%, respectively, in 2004. Other substances that have shown declines in use include cocaine and amphetamines (from approximately 10% each in 1984 to 5% in 2004) and, more recently, LSD and inhalants (data not shown).



Percentage of Maryland Twelfth Grade Students Reporting Past Month Use of Alcohol, Cigarettes, and Marijuana, 1984 to 2004

\*Current use is defined as any use within the past 30 days.

SOURCES: Adapted by CESAR from Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), 2004 Maryland Adolescent Survey, 2005; MSDE, 1992 Maryland Adolescent Survey, 1993; and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 1986-87 Survey of Substance Abuse Among Maryland Adolescents, 1987. The 2004 report is available online at http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/newsroom/special\_reports/adolescent\_survey.htm. For more information, contact Erin Artigiani of CESAR at erin@cesar.umd.edu.

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